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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 3, 2002

IN THE MATTER OF

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA GAS
COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE010586

2001 Annual informational
Filing

ORDER CLOSING PROCEEDING

As required by the Commission's Rules Governing Rate Increase Applications and Annual Informational Filings, 20 VAC 5-200-30, Southwestern Virginia Gas Company ("Southwestern" or "Company") has filed its annual informational filing for the period ending June 30, 2001. By Order Granting Waiver of Filing Requirements of November 16, 2001, the Commission waived the requirement to provide certain information as part of the annual informational filing and fixed dates for the filing of a Staff Report and any Company comments.¹

The Staff Report was filed on March 7, 2002. As part of its accounting analysis, the Staff made a number of adjustments and prepared a fully adjusted rate-of-return statement. According to the Staff, the Company had a return on rate base of

¹ By Order Extending Filing Date of February 5, 2002, the Commission set new dates for the Staff Report and any Company comments.

5.87 percent for the period ending June 30, 2001. The Staff also analyzed Southwestern's earnings and regulatory asset for

the period. The Staff concluded that normal amortization of the regulatory asset was appropriate. Southwestern did not comment on the Staff Report.

There appears to be nothing further for the Commission to consider in this proceeding. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that this matter be dismissed and removed from the Commission's docket.